



Community News and Events

Assemblymember Hayashi Adjourns in Memory of the Four Fallen Police Officers



Sgt. Mark Dunakin



Officer John Hege



Sgt. Erv Romans



Sgt. Daniel Sakai

In honor of their service to the City of Oakland and our state, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi adjourned the Monday, March 23rd session of the California State Legislature in memory of the four fallen Oakland Police Officers. In addition, she authored Memorial Resolutions recognizing their exemplary record of personal, law enforcement, and civic achievements.

At times like this, the community can only pause and reflect upon the personal sacrifices that our men and women in law enforcement give everyday to protect the safety and security of the people of the United States. These officers' bravery and devotion for a better, peaceful California will never be forgotten.

Memorial Trust Funds Have Been Established for the Families of the Fallen Police Officers:

1. Individual Checks made out to families and mailed to:

c/o OPOA
Attn: Rennee Hassna
555 5th Street
Oakland Ca, 94607

Make checks out to the following:

“Dunakin Children’s Family Trust”
“Romans Children’s Family Trust”
“Sakai Family Trust”

2. Wire transfers directly to Merrill Lynch Accounts...

“Dunakin Children’s Family Trust”
a/c #204-04065
“Romans Children’s Family Trust”
a/c #204-04066
“Sakai Family Trust”
a/c #204-04064

3. Deputy Sheriffs’ Association of Alameda County has established a memorial fund:

Contributions to: S. F. Police Credit Union (SFPCU)
Attn: OPD Memorial Fund
6689 Owens Drive, Suite 125
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Make checks payable to: OPD Memorial Fund

Assemblymember Hayashi Gives Democratic Weekly Radio Address on Student Sports Head Injury Dangers



This past weekend, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi gave the Democratic weekly radio address in which she pointed to the dangers of brain injuries for children engaged in youth sport activities. This issue comes in light of the recent head-trauma related death of actress Natasha Richardson. Highlighting statistics showing children report only 1 in 10 concussions, she has introduced Assembly Bill [533](#) to require all high school coaches in California to complete sports first-aid training and be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of concussions and other serious injuries.

More specifically, beginning on December 31, 2010, AB 533 would require high school sports coaches to complete an education program in recognizing and managing the signs and symptoms of head and neck injuries, concussions, second impact syndrome, asthma attacks, heatstroke, and cardiac arrest.

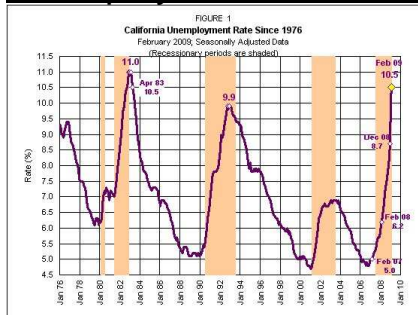
To listen to the weekly radio address click below. The running time is 1:40.

<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/Newsline/Audio/20090404RadioAddressEnglishHeadTraumaHayashi.mp3>

Featured on ABC News throughout California, click the link below:

<http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/politics&id=6736822>

Unemployment Relief Bill Co-Authored by Assemblymember Hayashi Signed into Law



On March 27th, ABX3-23 co-authored by Assemblymember Hayashi was signed into law by the governor giving nearly two million Californians an additional 20 weeks of federal emergency unemployment benefits. The bill adjusted the state's unemployment insurance (UI) eligibility formula in order to access \$839 million in one-time federal unemployment insurance funds.

The provision to extend UI for an additional 20 weeks will provide \$1.5 billion in additional federal assistance (26 weeks State UI, plus 33 weeks federal emergency UI, plus an additional 20 weeks of federal extended UI for a total of up to 79 weeks).

California qualifies for the 20 weeks in federal extended UI because our 10.5% unemployment rate is over the 8 percent threshold established by the federal program.

The state Employment Development Department, in response to the increased demand for unemployment insurance benefits, has extended its call center hours to better serve Californians. Constituents may now call (800) 300-5616 – English and (800) 326-8937 – Spanish on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to apply for unemployment. However, the best and fastest means of applying is to go online at www.edd.ca.gov. For more information, you can go to the state resources page on Assemblymember Hayashi's website at <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a18/Resources/default.aspx>

First Statewide Legislative Task Force on Peripheral Neuropathy Convened at the Capitol



In accordance with ACR 87, authored by Assemblymember Hayashi in 2008, the first statewide legislative task force on peripheral neuropathy was convened by Assemblymember Hayashi at the Capitol on March 24th. The task force's responsibilities are to determine best practices for promoting awareness of the disease among physicians and the public, and encourage early diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

Peripheral neuropathy describes damage to the peripheral nervous system, the communications network that transmits information from the brain and spinal cord to every other part of the body. At least 2 million Californians live with the disease, characterized by numbness, pain and weakness. Others may suffer more extreme symptoms, including burning pain (especially at night), muscle wasting, paralysis, or organ or gland dysfunction. In spite of its prevalence, many people have never heard of it.

Capitol Hearing Held to Evaluate Best Use of Economic Stimulus for Greening State Buildings



As the Chair of the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi convened an informational hearing with Assembly Speaker Karen Bass at the state capitol on March 11th to evaluate the most effective ways California can maximize the use of federal stimulus funds to improve and construct energy efficient state buildings.

Legislative Analyst Mac Taylor stated that California could receive as much as \$239 million in State Energy Program funding and \$22 million from Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grants. Assemblymember Hayashi spoke about the beneficial usage of these funds to turn older state buildings into clean, energy efficient structures that lower operational costs, and the programs' abilities to put thousands of Californians back to work.

Currently, California's state buildings consume more than \$500 million worth of electricity per year. California has set a goal to achieve a 20% reduction of grid-based energy purchases for state-owned buildings by 2015.

Assemblymember Hayashi also gave the Democratic weekly radio address on March 13th along with Assemblymember Jose Solorio (D-Anaheim) talking about the greening of California's state buildings as an opportunity to create jobs, reduce state energy costs and fight global warming. [Click here to listen.](#)

St. Rose Hospital Foundation Director Pam Russo Named "Woman of the Year"



Assemblymember Hayashi named Ms. Pamela Russo as the Woman of the Year for the 18th Assembly District.

An advocate for children and underserved families, she has dedicated over 30 years of service to healthcare, and is currently the Executive Director of St. Rose Hospital Foundation in Hayward. A special ceremony was held at the State Capitol on Monday, March 16, 2009.

Ms. Russo's leadership has benefited countless children and women throughout our community in their ability to access affordable health care. Throughout her career as a nurse she helped heal the sick, and as an administrator, Pam has worked tirelessly to raise the invaluable resources for the expansion of children's medical and dental services and enhance the latest medical technology at St. Rose Hospital.



A graduate of Chabot College School of Nursing, Ms. Russo is an eight-time National Healthcare Marketing Award recipient and she has acquired millions of dollars for the expansion of services at the Women's Imaging Center, Silva Pediatric Clinic and other community outreach efforts at St. Rose. During her tenure, she also assisted in the development of the student healthcare mentoring program FACES for the Future, which offers high school students an opportunity to learn first-hand about the health care industry. Her inspiration to give back to her community and care for those less fortunate has guided her to be active in numerous outside organizations such as the Hayward Rotary Club, Chabot College Foundation, American African Nuru Foundation, Susan G. Komen 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk, and the Champions for Women's Heart Health just to name a few. Ms. Russo lives in Castro Valley with her husband Jim and two daughters, Alexis and Jamie. Congratulations!

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Honored as “Legislator of the Year”



The California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) has named Assemblymember Mary Hayashi as its *2009 Legislator of the Year*. The Assemblywoman was selected for the award in recognition of her support for the Keep Parks Open Coalition and commitment to public recreation and open space. She was nominated by Hayward Area Recreation and Park District’s Executive Director Rita Shue.

Founded in 1958, CARPD represents the special recreation and park districts throughout California. Its mission is to improve and protect the quality of life for all Californians with the highest levels of accountability and responsibility to the public.

Cities of Hayward and Oakland Receive Anti-Gang Funding

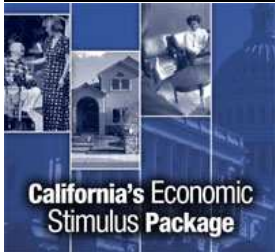


On March 26th, it was announced that the Cities of Hayward and Oakland will each receive \$400,000 to combat gang violence as part of the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) program.

Everyday, children succumb to the violent lifestyle of gangs out of pressure and a sense of belonging. The impact of gang violence has torn apart too many California families and the toll keeps rising. According to Paul Seave, director of the Governor’s Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy, more than 15,000 lives have been lost due to gang violence in the past 30 years.

Gangs are responsible for a long list of crimes including murder, extortion, prostitution and human trafficking. Since the 1990s, most cities throughout California have reported a decrease in crime; however, the rates of gang-related violent crime have remained level.

Information on California’s Economic Stimulus Package Available



Through state and federal efforts, California’s economy will soon receive a significant economic jolt of stimulus revenue to help turn the economy around and make living in California better.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was recently passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by the President. As a result, California will soon benefit from the creation of nearly 400,000 jobs, improved highways, acquiring energy from new green resources, incentives to stabilize the housing and automobile markets, tax credits for small businesses, and increased access to affordable health care. To learn more about the stimulus package, [click here](#).

Events

2nd Annual Women's Health Fair Hosted by Assemblymember Mary Hayashi – May 16th



In observance of May being Women's Health Month, you are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Women's Health Fair at the San Leandro Main Library. This free fair, in cooperation with St. Rose Hospital, provides you with an opportunity to become better informed about women's health issues, access important health screenings, and learn positive steps towards building and maintaining an active, healthy lifestyle.

What: 2nd Annual Women's Health Fair
When: Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro
Karp/Estudillo Room and Lecture Hall

Highlight of Activities:

- Free Health Screenings Scheduled for Blood Glucose, Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index, Bone Density, Dental, Hearing, Mental Health Well Being, Electronic Stress Scan, and Vision Impairments.
- Speakers' Series on Topics such as:
 - How to Feel Fabulous after 50 from Head to Toe
 - Weight Loss at Any Cost vs. Health at Any Size
 - Fitness at Home: Exercises You Can Do in the Comfort of Your Living Room
 - Breast Cancer: Learn the Statistics, Risks, and Latest Treatments
- Health and Community Exhibits



To RSVP, please contact the District Office by dialing (510) 583-8818 or go online at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi

Assemblymember Hayashi's Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California Labor Federation	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ([Click Here](#))

Assemblymember Hayashi's Biography ([Click Here](#))

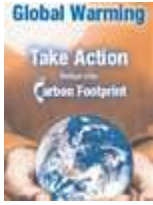
Email Assemblymember Hayashi ([Click Here](#))

District Events ([Click Here](#))

Assemblymember Hayashi's District Map ([Click Here](#))

Resources Available

New Publications Available



Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



California's Economic Stimulus Package

Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



High Blood Pressure



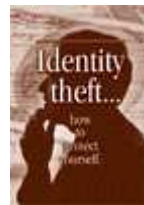
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



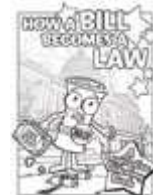
Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find these and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.